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Dear John Muir.

I send the first part of my experiences and would ask you to look over it; and tell me what you think about it. Do not hesitate to tell me that it is a failure if you think so. I have not made up my mind what I will do with it; or whether I will do anything with it; but will get it into shape as I need something to occupy my time. There is a man in Seattle who intends to start an Alaska Magazine and he has all the Clippings as they appeared in the Nome Nugget last winter; and wants to publish them as a serial story. He says that the first number will be out about the first of March. But I think it doubtful if it will be out so soon. What I send you is very different from what appeared in print.

I wrote to William shortly after I had seen you and told him that I was going back to Chicago; and would be there in a month; and was going straight to see my wife and family. I got a letter from him about a week ago telling me I had better go around by Texas and call on his son Walter and then go to El Paso and see Edward and then New York where he was sure that my eldest son would be glad to see me. I would then call at Buffalo, Toronto, Niagara, Detroit, and Milwaukee. But by all means stay away from Chicago. He said that my wife has long passed herself off as a widow and it would make a terrible sensation if I should show up alive. He and his daughters went to see her New Year's day, and she stormed around in a frightful manner when he told her I was coming and said that it would never do that I must not come back it would ruin everything etc.

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William promised her that I would not ~~even~~ call on her
without an invitation. I answered William's letter
and told him that ~~that~~ I was going straight there - That I
was not going to make an Enoch Arden of myself,
and I was not a coward and would go and see her
and the children let the consequences be what they may.

This letter had a bad effect on my health but
I am getting around all right but am somewhat unde-
-cided what I shall do. These last few days I have been
feeling splendid much better than I have been for months
I have been climbing mountains lately, and think that
after a while I shall go and see the Yosemite.

Yours very truly

Felix L. Brown.